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R 221430Z OCT 76
FM AMEMBASSY MAPUTO
TO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI
AMEMBASSY PORT LOUIS
AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE
AMEMBASSY VICTORIA
AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN
AMEMBASSY DURBAN
AMEMBASSY ZANZIBAR
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CASABLANCO FOR RFA

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CASC, EWWT, PINS, MZ
SUBJECT: TREATMENT ACCORDED PRIVATE SAILORS IN MOZAMBIQUE

1. PRIVATE YACHT CREWED BY TWO AMCITS AND ONE UK CITIZEN
ENROUTE FROM SEYCHELLES TO DURBAN SOUGHT REFUGE FROM GALE
IN MOZAMBIQUE CHANNEL AND ENTERED MAPUTO OCTOBER 17.

2. YACHT WAS BERTHED IN LOCAL MARINA AND PUT UNDER ARMY
GUARD. CREW WAS NOT ALLOWED LEAVE MARINA SINCE NONE HAD
MOZAMBIQUE VISAS. AMCITS WERE INFORMED THEY COULD TELE-
PHONE EMBASSY MORNING OCTOBER 18 AND REQUEST EMBASSY ASSISTANCE
OBTAINING VISAS AND PORT CLEARANCE. EMBOFF AND LOCAL TOOK CREW
TO PORT CAPTAIN'S OFFICE AND PORT IMMIGRATION UNDER
ARMY ESCORT. VISAS AND PORT CLEARANCES WERE OBTAINED, AND
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EMBASSY LOCAL PURCHASED FOOD. ARMY TROOPS WROTE DOWN NAMES

OF ALL PERSONS, INCLUDING EMBASSY LOCAL, WHO HAD ANY CONTACT
WHATSOEVER WITH CREW.

3. AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 18 GPRM AUTHORITIES ORDERED CREW TO
LEAVE BY 1900 HOURS. CREW COMPLIED AND SAILED FOR DURBAN.

4. COMMENT: RECEPTION GIVEN TO CREW SIMILAR TO THAT ACCORDED
ANOTHER AMCIT-UK CREW ON PRIVATE YACHT WHICH ENTERED MAPUTO
HARBOR LAST NOVEMBER. GPRM HAS SHOWN ITSELF TO BE EXTREMELY
SUSPICIOUS AND UNWILLING PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO CREWS OF
PRIVATE YACHTS WHICH ATTEMPT TO ENTER MOZAMBIQUE PORTS WITH-
OUT VISAS OR CLEARANCES, EVEN WHEN ENTRY IS MADE UNDER
EMERGENCY CONDITIONS.

5. REQUEST ACTION ADDRESSEES INFORM ANY INQUIRING PRIVATE
SAILORS PLANNING TRAVEL NEAR MOZAMBIQUE TO AVOID ENTERING
MOZAMBIQUE PORTS UNLESS THEY HAVE OBTAINED VISAS AND PORT
ENTRY PERMISSION BEFORHAND. SAILORS WHO ATTEMPT TO ENTER
MOZAMBIQUE PORTS SHOULD BE ADVISED OF POSSIBLE INHOSPITABLE
RECEPTION AND GPRM BUREAUCRATIC HARASSMENT.
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